

SUGAR MAGNATE BLAMES SHORTAGE ON FOOD BOARD

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Understanding between them." Inquired Senator Vardaman of Mississippi.
"I think so," replied Mr. Spreckels.
The Federal Company produces 10,000 barrels of sugar a day. The entire daily production of the country is 100,000 barrels a day. The annual production of sugar in the United States is about 3,850,000 tons. Mr. Spreckels testified.

See an Advantage.
Mr. Spreckels stated that George M. Rolph, the San Francisco sugar refiner, who is one of the three American members of the International Sugar committee named by Hoover, had contracted for the entire output of Hawaii plantations.

His price of 10 cents less a hundred pounds than the New York price for imported sugar gave Rolph an advantage of \$1,500,000 a year over his rivals," said Mr. Spreckels.
As for a sugar shortage, he admitted that world production this year is 1,233,000 tons greater than ever before in history.

This is on the basis of eliminating Java, with 900,000 tons of its old crop still untouched, due to shipping difficulties, and he added that some of this crop was being used despite this trouble.

Blames Food Chiefs.
"You say there is no sugar shortage, yet we cannot get sugar. Why is that?" asked Reed.
Mr. Spreckels said that the Food Administration, "interfering with his business," had made it impossible for him to obtain raw sugar to refine. Under a price agreement with the Food Administration, he said he had been unable to buy raw sugar from Cuban and other markets.

"Canada, for instance, outbid us," he declared. "We were willing to pay the higher price, but the Food Administration would not permit us. So the sugar went elsewhere. Some of it was shipped right through New York."

"You mean that at a time when this country needed sugar great supplies were shipped right through the United States, and the food administration would not let you bid to get it?"

"Yes, and our refineries are now shut down because we cannot get raw sugar."
Mr. Spreckels placed the entire blame for the present crisis on the Food Administration.

Testimony was introduced that Hoover last May had declared the Cuban crop would be 1,250,000 tons short of normal. Instead, said Mr. Spreckels, the crop was 1,600,000 tons in excess of normal.
Mr. Spreckels assailed Hoover's "international committee" to which was given authority to buy the world crop for the allies and to allot it to various refiners. The head of this committee, he said, was a British refiner. Mr. Foreckels said his objection to this committee was that it placed him at the mercy of outsiders for the raw material to supply his refining plant.

Hoover To Attend.
Hoover, invited to attend it.

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Members of the committee, replied through H. Curtis Lindley, chief counsel of the Food Administration, that he not only wanted to attend, but insisted on the right to cross-examine Senator Reed, committee chairman, replied that the subcommittee would have to pass on this question.

The committee will alternate coal and sugar. Clifford Thorne, Iowa, will probably be the first coal witness Monday.

Senators have given committee members hundreds of letters and telegrams covering both the coal and sugar shortage. Some communications contain charges of "holding up" of consumers by dealers in flagrant disregard of Government price-fixing and regulations.

Major Brookhart compared private railway management in this country with the Government management in other countries.

"Over there," he said, "dividends are guaranteed by the government; money for the railroads is obtained at low rates, and freight and passenger rates are from 15 to 20 per cent lower than those in the United States."

Major Brookhart said capitalists of the United States were mulcting the holders of railroad securities, and that the rates on freight and passenger traffic here were the highest in the world.

In an address here last night he warned against running the printing presses overtime turning out paper money, declaring that such a method would mean disaster for many banks and corporations.

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HOW RED CROSS GUARDS BABIES IN WAR TORN FRANCE

By W. S. FORREST
(Manager Paris Office, United Press)

TOUL, France, Dec. 14.—Salvaging the shattered nerves and little bodies of French children rescued literally from the mouths of the enemy cannon was part of the mammoth Red Cross work in France, witnessed by the United Press here today.

If American mothers could see how their hard American dollars are being spent among the war battered children of France they would doubly subscribe at the very next opportunity. This is the first account written and sent to America of how these American dollars are pulling French babies out of a living hell and filling their impressionistic little minds with something better to think about than constant fear, pinching hunger and a life among vermin and filth.

More than 500 of these French babies are today safely out of reach of the German shells which for three years have been plowing and pulverizing the villages and towns where they lived. Their ages run from two to ten years. The greatest number are yet toddlers who have known nothing during their lives but living in the cellars and caves where there was some degree of safety from the shells the enemy maliciously threw into their vicinity.

Guarded Against Gas.
When the Germans began to throw gas shells into these villages, the French authorities realized that the children of tender age must be moved to safety. So those too young to adjust gas masks to their faces were sent to the rear near Toul where buildings were prepared for their reception.

Here the American Red Cross offered its aid. A cablegram was sent from Paris to Minneapolis where it found Dr. Julius Parker Sedgwick, the best known specialist on children's diseases in the Northwest. Dr. Sedgwick agreed to give up his work and come to France to care for French children.

His acceptance preceded only by a few hours a long-distance telephone conversation with Dr. J. I. Durand at Seattle, also a leading children's specialist. He agreed in a few hours to give up his extensive practice and leave for France. Also from Minneapolis came Dr. N. O. Pearce, associated with Dr. Sedgwick. As the trio traveled France they were joined at Chicago by Dr. Alice Brown, of Winnetka. Accompanying them came experienced nurses among whom were Mrs. Delebeque, of Winnetka, and Miss Beale Spinner, East Sixtieth street, Cleveland.

Nurse War Babies.
Headed by Dr. Sedgwick, these American doctors and nurses are fathering and mothering the French babies here today, and will continue to do so throughout the war.

No type of child disease bred in these dark, unsanitary, vermin-ridden, shell-torn, batheless caves a few miles away from the great camp under the German shells and gas has yet been too much for the American doctors and nurses. Every child so far brought to the camp is alive today and happy, thanks to mothers in America. For it is only dollars subscribed by American mothers themselves that are being spent on the baby war victims. Dollars from corporation men and other masculine sources are being spent for other things.

The only worry of the French mothers is still back in the caves, underground the German shells and gas is that a German aeroplane might come along and bomb the baby hospital. Dr. Sedgwick told the United Press today. Otherwise they are content to take their lot until the end of the war. Their babies are safe.

PISTOL DUEL IN STREET FOLLOWS FIGHT AT DANCE

Wesley McKinley Edwards, colored, aged twenty-one, of 1233 Eleventh street northwest, lies dead today at the morgue and Robert Smith, Jr., colored, aged eighteen, of Belleville, Md., an alleged deserter from the First Separate Battalion, District National Guard, is charged with murder by police of the Second precinct, the result of a pistol fight last night at 1235 Ninth street northwest, which developed into a running duel between Smith and police and endangered lives of passengers on a passing street car.

The trouble started, it is said, over a woman at a dance in the Ninth street house. Smith danced with her, which caused Edwards to remonstrate. Then Smith pulled two revolvers and opened fire. Policeman John Broderick was pursuing the fleeing Smith when the colored man turned as if to shoot him. As a bullet from his jaw put Smith in the land of dreams. While Smith and Edwards were exchanging shots, a car on Ninth street was hit by bullets, but no one was hurt.

Acting Coroner Carr will hold an inquest today or tomorrow. James Alexander Barker, fourteen years old, of Baltimore; Teresa Dobbins, twenty-four, of 1235 Ninth street northwest; Floyd Carter, twenty-one, of the same address, and Mary Burke are held as witnesses.

MOTHER-IN-LAW PHONES OF DOUBLE SLAYING

TINTON FALLS, N. J., Dec. 14.—"Two people have been shot. My daughter and her husband are both dead. I am dying."

Such was the message received by the telephone operator at Long Branch early today. As the message ended the operator hears a crash, as that of a falling body.

Officers were notified and when they arrived at a small hotel they found Paul Walsh and his wife lying dead. On the floor in the hallway and near the telephone was Mrs. Francis Smock, Walsh's mother-in-law. Mrs. Smock lived long enough to explain that Walsh and his wife had been separated for ten days, she declared

Held to Hot Radiator, Wife Charges in Suit For Limited Divorce

Because Mrs. Lois B. Wollnick alleged that her husband held her "against a hot-water radiator and beat her," Justice Siddons today issued an order requiring Gustave H. Wollnick to answer to the suit of his wife for a limited divorce and maintenance.

After her return from the hospital, Mrs. Wollnick alleges that her husband, on December 11, held her "against a hot-water radiator in the hallway of their home and wrenched and beat and tried to choke her, and that it was only the timely interference of their servant that prevented him from killing her."

Mrs. Wollnick says the marriage took place January 1, 1915, in St. Joseph, Mo., and that they have one child, whose custody she wishes.

He entered the hotel and began firing. The mother-in-law declared she sent the message over the telephone. Then she fell back, dead.

NURSE TELLS OF RELATIONS WITH BRIDE'S HUSBAND

DEDHAM, Mass., Dec. 14.—The spotlight that has played on Harriet A. Varney, a nurse, on trial here charged with the murder of Mrs. George H. Keyes, a bride of eight months, has temporarily shifted to the husband of the dead woman, following the recital by the nurse on the witness stand of her relations with Keyes.

Miss Varney on the stand yesterday told of these relations: today she is expected to tell of her life before she met him.

Keyes, she said, had taken her to dinner, dragged her, taken her to his room in a hotel, and later given her a wedding ring when they lived at various hotels. She claimed that he told her the ring was as good as a dozen formal marriage ceremonies. The nurse denied that she was jealous of Keyes' wife and stated positively that she did not kill her.

WEST'S GREAT CORN CROP MOVES TO MARKETS

Food Administrator Hoover had reports from Western States today showing that the great corn crop in that territory is now moving more freely to normal markets.

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Box of 25.....\$1.25
Box of 50.....\$2.50
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Box of 10.....\$1.25

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Box of 10.....\$1.25
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Box of 25.....\$1.25
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